

## The Possible Origins of Street Names in Fairhaven

It is a matter of record that Thomas Riley, the driving force behind the original development of Fairhaven, was a very religious man who drew inspiration from the Bible in naming both the area and the streets and roads of the area. The following suggests answers to some - but not all - of the questions about those origins.

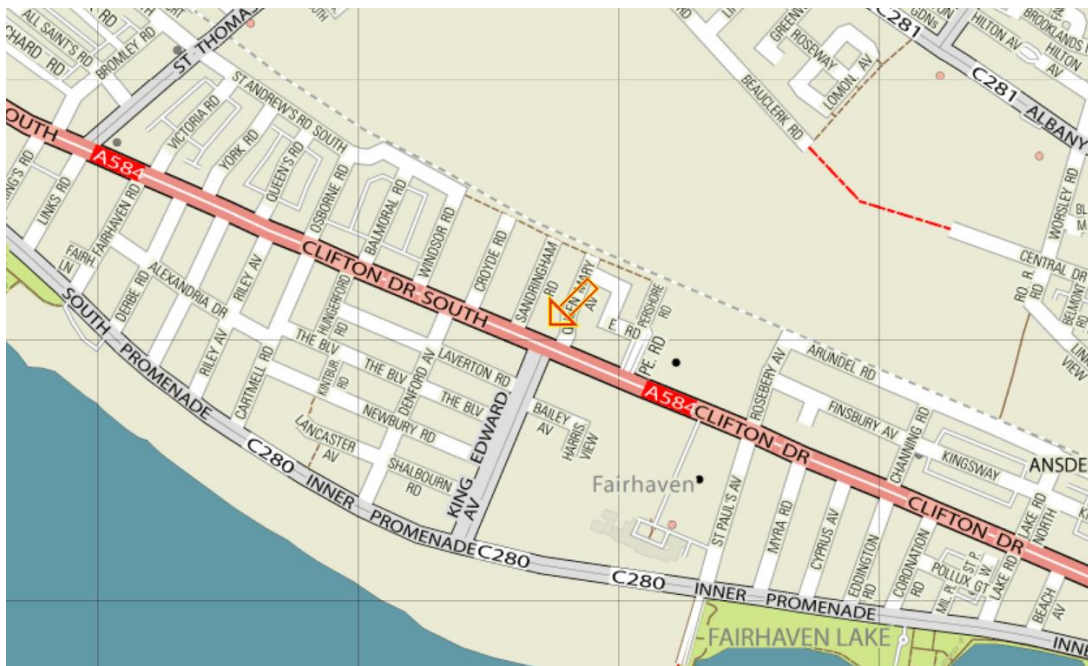
**St Paul** was a Pharisee and initially a persecutor of Christians. After his “Damascene Conversion” he travelled widely throughout what we would now call the Middle East preaching the Christian faith. These are now referred to as “The Three Journeys of St Paul” and extensively described in the NT Book of Acts.

Around AD60 he made his fourth and final journey when he was ordered to Rome by the Roman authorities to face accusations of sedition. On the journey the ship ran into bad weather and sought shelter on the southern coast of Crete **Acts 27 – v8** “...and they came unto a place which is called **“The Fair Havens”**. On continuing the journey Paul survived a shipwreck in Malta (Modern day - St Paul’s Bay) **Acts 27 - v41** “ ...but striking a reef, they ran the ship aground; the bow stuck and remained immovable, but the stern was being broken up by the force of the waves”

He continued his journey “in an Alexandrian ship”. On his eventual arrival in Rome, he was imprisoned and, according to most accounts, martyred for his faith sometime around 66 or 67 A.D. possibly as part of Nero’s reprisals against Christians after the great fire of Rome.



## The Fairhaven Area



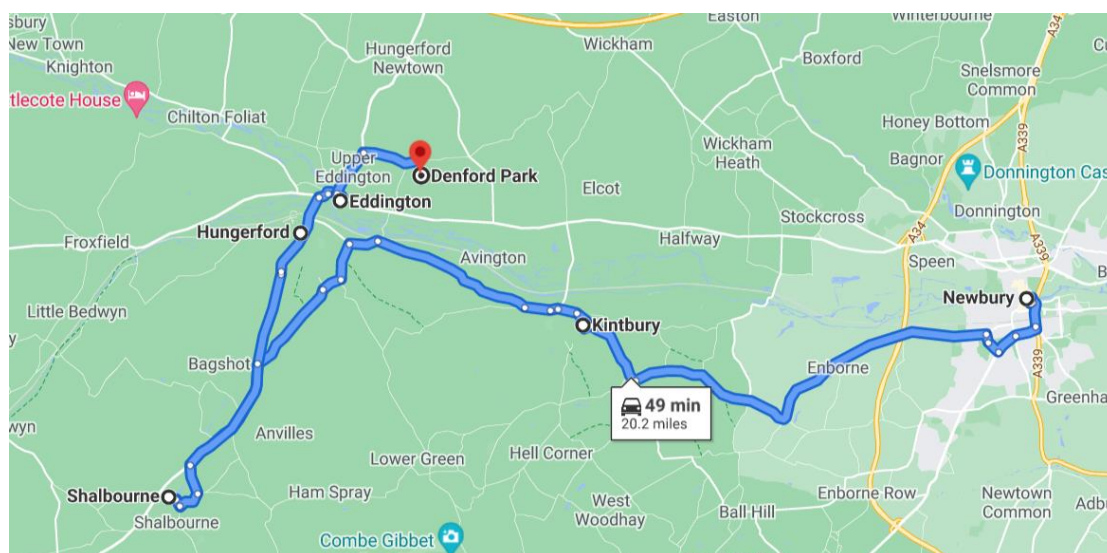
A summary of the street names in the Fairhaven area together with suggestions of their likely origins....

St/Rd Name	Possible origin?	See Note
<b>Alexandria Drive</b>	The ship on which St. Paul completed his final journey was " <i>an Alexandrian ship</i> "	1
<b>Beach Rd</b>	Presumably, the clue is in the name?	2
<b>The Boulevard</b>	Presumably, the clue is in the name?	2
<b>Cartmel Rd</b>	<b>Cartmel</b> is a village in Cumbria, near to Grange-over-Sands	2
<b>Coronation Rd</b>	The coronation of King Edward VII took place in August 1902	2
<b>Cyprus Ave</b>	<b>Cyprus</b> is a Mediterranean Island - visited by St Paul on two (possibly three) of his journeys	1
<b>Derbe Rd</b>	<b>Derbe</b> was an ancient town (in modern day Antalya, Turkey) - visited by St Paul on three of his journeys.	1
<b>Denford Ave</b>	One of the "Newbury Group" <b>Denford Park</b> is a house and estate within the parish of Kintbury. See Map at 3 Below...	3
<b>Eddington Rd</b>	One of the "Newbury Group" <b>Eddington</b> is a village in Berkshire near to Hungerford. See Map at 3 Below...	4
<b>Fairhaven Rd</b>	<b>Acts 27 v8</b> "...and came unto a place which is called " <b>The Fair Havens</b> " Today known as "Kaloï Limenes" it is a natural port near the southernmost point of Crete, close to the village of Lentas	1
<b>Hungerford Rd</b>	One of the "Newbury Group" <b>Hungerford</b> is a village in Berkshire. See Map at 3 Below...	3
<b>King Edward Ave</b>	King Edward VII succeeded to the throne in 1901 on the death of Queen Victoria	2
<b>Kintbury Rd</b>	One of the "Newbury Group" <b>Kintbury</b> is a village in Berkshire near to Hungerford. See Map at 3 Below...	3
<b>Lake Rd</b>	Presumably, the clue is in the name?	2

<b>Laverton Rd</b>	<b>Laverton</b> is a small village in Gloucestershire	3
<b>Lancaster Ave</b>	Major town in Lancashire	2
<b>Lightburne Ave</b>	Site of the old St. Annes Lighthouse for navigation on the Ribble	2
<b>Miletas Place</b>	<b>Acts 20 v17 -38</b> wherein <i>“Paul sends a message to the leaders of the church in Ephesus asking them to join him for a farewell gathering in “Miletus””</i>	1
<b>Myra Rd</b>	<b>Myra</b> was a town in ancient Lycia – the starting point of his final journey. Today the small Turkish town of Kale/Demre	1
<b>Newbury Rd</b>	One of the “Newbury Group” <b>Newbury</b> is a large market town in West Berkshire. See Map at 3 Below...	3
<b>Pollux gate</b>	Castor & <b>Pollux</b> were Greek gods and guardians of navigation. <b>Acts 28 v11</b> <i>“After three months we put out to sea in a ship that had wintered in the island - it was an Alexandrian ship with the figurehead of the twin gods Castor and Pollux.”</i>	1
<b>Riley Ave</b>	Thomas <b>Riley</b> was the main mover behind the initial creation of Fairhaven	2
<b>Shalbourn Ave</b>	One of the “Newbury Group” <b>Shalbourn</b> is a village in Wiltshire near to Hungerford.	3
<b>St Paul’s Ave</b>	The Apostle who made the journeys described in The Book of Acts	1

**Notes/Comments**

- Names identifiable from the Book of Acts and other sources with relevance to Paul’s travels
- Names identifiable as pertaining to contemporary events, the locality and/or people involved in the development of Fairhaven
- Names with identifiable locations – which have no immediate logical connection with the Lancashire area being locations in or around West Berkshire: -



Laverton however, is in Gloucestershire. Any ideas gratefully received!

It seems feasible to suggest (A 1901 map and the house styles support the idea) that the development of the “Newbury Group” took place sometime after that of the original Fairhaven. Possibly by a person/company who had some connection with the Berkshire area – or indeed Gloucestershire....

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